

Bachelor of Education (Elementary) Mini-Lesson Plan

	The Undefeated (Black History				November 24,
Lesson Title:	Month Lesson)	Lesson#	4	Date:	2021
			English		
			Language		
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Rationale:

This poetic picture book is written as an ode. It is dedicated to Black Americans and celebrates their significant accomplishments. It references racism and honors those who suffered and died because of it. It also alludes to lyrics and lines expressed by Black American heros to underscore the passion and perseverance of artistis, athletes, activists-and all Black Americans. This lesson is important because ultimately, black history is all of our history. Not only is it important to remember the achievements of Black people, but it's important to recognise the things that make us both unique and alike and to celebrate diversity. Diverse teams are the best way to foster understanding of the needs of people from all backgrounds. Also its important to integrate different subjects within each other (Social studies and English language arts). This is important for reading development because students are learning how diverse different written texts can be, but also are learning how to extract information from texts.

Core Competencies:

Communication	Thinking	Personal & Social
	Critical Thinking	Social Awareness and
	This lesson accomplishes	<u>Responsibility</u>
	this by students analyzing	This lesson accomplishes
	key African America	this by students taking
	historical figures and	action to support diversity
	questioning and	and defend human rights.
	investigating their certain	They can identify how
	accomplishments and	diversity is beneficial for
	impact on society.	their community.

Big Ideas (Understand)

Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.

This lesson accomplishes this by students hearing the text and exploring key black historical figures to make connections to black history but also the diverse people within their communities.

Learning Standards *Cut and paste standards from the curriculum documents*

(DO)	(KNOW)	
Learning Standards - Curricular Competencies	Learning Standards - Content	
Think critically, creatively, and reflectively	 Forms, functions, and genres of text 	
to explore ideas within, between, and	 This is because students are 	
beyond texts	learning about a type of poem	
 Recognize and identify the role of 	(ode) and how pictures, blank	
personal, social, and cultural contexts,	space, and rhyming might	
values, and perspectives in texts	influence the meaning of the text.	
Construct meaningful personal	Reading strategies	
connections between self, text, and world	 Students are learning how to 	
	appropriately read an ode.	

Specifically, how to be respectful
and also how to read repetition.
 Oral language strategies
 This is because students are to
research one of the historical
figures mentioned in the ode, but
also to talk about their impact on
society orally in front of the class.

Instructional Objectives & Assessment:

Instructional Objectives (Students will be able to)	Assessment	
 Respond to text in personal, creative, and critical ways Research a historical figure with a partner Fill in a worksheet Present their figure with their partner to with the class 	Take your best go at this – You do not formally learn this until later in the term/programInclude: Pre Assessment What: Discussion during/after reading ode How: Ask questions and see what students already know and also what their unfamiliar with	
	Final Asssessment WHAT: Students worksheets HOW: Checkbric (see rubric below)	

Prerequisite Concepts and Skills:

<u>Take your best go at this – This comes with experience, knowing the curriculum, and most importantly, knowing your students!</u>

• Students can read

- Students can work effectively with a partner
- Students can use a chromebook

Indigenous Connections/ First Peoples Principles of Learning:

Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story

This lesson accomplishes this because the book is an illustrated book about black history. This lesson could go further and look at other cultures and look at indigenous history and memory.

Learning requires exploration of one's identity

Students can use black history to look at their own histories and identities.

There is also a reading circle implemented within the lesson.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL):

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- Provide multiple ways for engagement
 - Students can sit on the ground or in chairs
 - Have students connect experiences with what thye know (talk with partner or answer discussion questions during discussion time)
- Provide multiple ways for representation
 - o Reading the book/poem
 - Showing the pictures in the book/poem
 - o Displaying the book's pages on a powerpoint
- Provide multiple ways for expression
 - Students can read their worksheet off to the class

- Students can write on whiteboard to present to the class
- Students can orally present what they know and learned about their event/figure by memory
- o Students can come up with another idea to present their figure/event to the class

Differentiate Instruction (DI):

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- For students with AUD or ADHD, this lesson provides multiple ways to be engaged and present their information
- For students with auditory disability, display book's pages on a powerpoint
- For students with behavioral disabilities; encouage them and allow students to work in a classroom environment besides the desk

Materials and Resources

- 24 Chromebooks
- The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson
- 24 Blackline Masters
- Teacher Laptop + Powerpoint for book reading
- Smartboard
- 12 Cue cards with figures written on it
 - 1. Jesse Owens ("the unforgettable")
 - 2. Jack Johnson ("the unflappable")
 - 3. Romare Bearden ("who shine their light")
 - 4. Lebron James ("the Lebron James")
 - 5. John Lewis ("the rightenous marching ones")
 - 6. Sandra Bland ("the unspeakable")
 - 7. Michael Brown ("the unspeakable")
 - 8. Martin Luther King Jr. ("the unlimited")
 - 9. Wilma Rudolph ("the Wilma Rudolphs")
 - 10. Muhammed Ali ("The Muhammed Ali")
 - 11. Althea Gibson ("the Althea Gibsons")
 - 12. Louis Armstrong ("the unbelievable")

Lesson Activities:

Teacher Activities	Student Activities	Time
Introduction (anticipatory set – "HOOK"): <u>Book Reading</u> Have students make a reading circle (indigenous connection) Before Reading (Introduce the text) <i>The Undefeated</i> has won many awards It is written as an ode, which is a type of poem that enthusiastically praises a persona, event, or idea. The Greek odes celebrated athletic victories 	 Students are making predictions about this book Students are sharing their "wonders" about the book 	10 min

 Based on the title, the cover illustration, and the poetic structure, what predictions do you have about this book? What are you wondering? During Reading Read it first time without showing the pictures and discussing poem What are the student's first impression of it? Read it a second time White space around "the ones who didn't" significance Adjectives describing Black American heros begin with "un" how does it affect its meaning? Throughout the poem, some words or phrases are in italics. Why might this type of font indicate? What are you left wondering? After Reading The author and illustrator honor past and present Black Americans, including heros, victims of violent racism, and everyday young people. How are all these people undefeated? How do you feel after reading 	 Students are listening to the book being read Students are discussing their first impressions of the book Students are responding to teacher candidate's questions during the book reading (second time) Students are responding to teacher candidate's questions after the book reading 	
 this poem? Body: <u>Black Historical Figures Research</u> At the back of the book there is an appendix The appendix includes historical figures and events that <i>The Undefeated</i> references Students will work in pairs Students put in groups based on who their sitting by at their desks Tell students to go back to their original desks (leave reading circle). Pairs will be assigned a historical figure/event Pairs will come up and grab a chromebook and worksheet. 	 Students go back to their desks (leave reading circle) Students listen to teacher candidate's instructions Students with their partners come up and grab a worksheet and chromebook Students with their partners research their historical figure/event Students with their partners fill in their worksheets 	20 min

 Tell students at the end of the research you expect them Have worksheet completed Tell students the most important box is the lessons learned box Prepare what they are going to say in front of class (write this on the board so they can reflect back on it when coming up to present) 1. Name of person 2. Famous for? 3. Lesson learned from the person? Pairs will research their celebrated historical figure/event and fill in the worksheet 		
 Closure: <u>Student Presentation</u> Pairs will present their figure/event to the class and their impact on society (Canada and USA) Ask the students to hand in their worksheets. 	 Students with their partners present their figure/event Students hand in their worksheets 	5-10 min

Organizational Strategies:

- Wait until all students are quiet
- Create a rule that when a student is talking, there should be no other students talking same applies for teacher
- Ring the bell to move students to the next activity
- Create pairs by "elbow partner" (person sitting next to you)
- Have students come up in a line to get labtops and worksheets
- Explain instructions before having students get up from desks

Proactive, Positive Classroom Learning Environment Strategies:

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- Greet students as they come into the classroom
- To ensure all students in the group are participating have each student fill in a worksheet (not one per pair)
- Have students in their pairs flexible where they can work (desk, floor, hallway)
- Praise students who are on task and encourage students who are not on task

Extensions:

• In class extension: Have pairs who finish early research another historical figure/event

- Next lesson extension: Have students write an ode to the historical figure they have researched
- Take home extension: Have a conversation with their guardians about the event/figure. If they do not know anything about figure, present what they know to their guardians.

Reflections (if necessary, continue on separate sheet):

This lesson was very effective for student engagement. The students really liked finding out about their assigned historical figure and also to explain the importance of their figure to the class. There were two issues throughout the lesson. One student who is repetitively a challenge when it comes to sensitive topics, was very disrespectful, and especially an issue when talking about some figures who had died for a cause. Although this was an unfortante response, it allowed me to practice responding to incorrect behavior. I did remind him to be respectful during that moment, but I also talked to him after class as well. Another issue that presented itself was that the line for the chromebooks became long and problematic because students had to sanitize their chromebooks before putting them back on the cart. A way I can prevent this waiting, is having students put their chromebooks away after the lesson (after presentations). I would like to see how this lesson would eventually work during Black History Month, and how I would extend this kind of activity throughout the month (create a unit).

Historical Figure Checkbric

	Somewhat (1)	Good (2)	Exceeding (3)
Student has completed			
all boxes on the			
worksheet			
Student has reflected			
on lessons learn in			
depth			